

Community Issues Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 9, 2018— 6:00-8:00pm — Whittier Park

Attendees: David Schroth, Laura Jean, Jesse Oyervides, Kris Martinson, Crystal Audi, Scott Smith, Erin Callahan, Felino de la Pena, Leah Falon, Morgen Bird, Aldona Martinka, Christopher-Michael Perez, Jen Kader, Nate Broadridge, Cassie Tommendahl, Willow Kreibich, Joanna Kraus-Johnson, Max Musicant, Krista Romanish, Shannon Dotson, Aaron Diederich, Christina Le, Steve Minn, Alexis Walstad, Jeff Nelson, Henry Bromelkamp, Keith Christensen, Osman Ahmed, Kevin Beaudin, Wanda Classen, Grant Rockwood, Greg Schmidt, Scott Smedberg, Tulsi Smedberg, Daniel Garrison, N. Mehta, Viswa Challa, Alex Barbson, Zach Bucek, Brandon Schorson, Christine Popowski, Nancy Julia Hicks, Candice Vans, Matt Barthelemy, Erin Sjoquist

Staff: Kaley Brown, Marcus VanderSanden

Presenters: Becky Lewis- Whittier Park Director

Welcome

Welcome at 6:30 by David Bagley. Agenda was reviewed. Standard of conduct policy was reviewed..

Introductions: name, where you live in the neighborhood

Amendments to the agenda: **Motion** Greg Schmidt makes motion to amend the agenda that development projects presentations will be only informational and will not carry vote of approval. Feels committee is too loose to convey that sentiment and that vote is largely symbolic. Several counter arguments that committee is not symbolic and does carry weight with developers as well as councilmembers and other elected representation. Also currently no other structure for Whittier Alliance to formally give approval. Motion not seconded. **Motion** to approve the Agenda **Carried**.

Minutes from November Community Issues Meeting were reviewed. Assault/Asphalt typo pointed out **Motion** to approve made. Seconded. **Carried**.

Imatter- Minneapolis: Sofia Fox- Student at South High school

Imatter is seeking a letter of endorsement from the Whittier Alliance on their resolution regarding the City of Minneapolis' energy goals and initiatives.

Imatter is a coalition of Minneapolis Public High School students whose goals include:

- Moving to 100% renewable energy in MPS by 2025, with 25% coming from within city limits.
 - Goal is to move to solar model to provide the 25% if not more.
- Two representatives on board of CEAC (Community Environmental Advisory Committee)

There has been a preliminary agreement to allow the student representatives to serve on CEAC, however the the framework of whether they will be additional, temporary or replacement seats has yet to be determined. Endorsement will be sent to another governing body.

Have 14-15 neighborhood endorsements to date.

Viswa C. moves that Whittier Alliance support

Matt B. would like to amend to that Whittier officially name Sofia a badass.

Original motion carries

35-0-1

Imatter is encouraging people to come in support of the imatter mission to a press conference on the 27th at City Hall

Park Updates: Beck Lewis- Park Director

Becky Lewis- Friday (last week) 3-3 tournament in conjunction in WA and the anti-violence went well and hope to build and do it again. Over 60 attendants.

Busy summer- movies in the park 2 at Whittier (Men in the Arena - partnership with Mia and MIB 1) at Fair Oaks (Cool Runnings) 1 at Mueller (Spaceballs)

A lot of classes throughout the summer that is extension of spring programming in addition to summer specific. Pottery is open to adults and minimum age around 10.

Community building through the park is crucial during the summer time because kids can be at the park for up to 8-10 hours.

Earth day clean up on the 21st, gardening program ages 9-12

In partnership with Mia, The Crossover art program is still looking for participants and volunteers

Will be working with Mia artists to incorporate youth art via stencils on basketball court

We serve food here everyday and will be serving dinner at Mueller in addition

Will be re-roofing the gym this summer, so pool will be closed in addition to part of the park and courtyard.

Park will be redone at some point between 2019-2021

Flyers and posters on poster board in park lobby.

5th precinct

Shannon Barnett- Sergeant

Hennepin, Lyndale and Nicollet susceptible to car break ins. People are leaving bags and laptops in cars people target restaurant parking lots due to length of stay.

Education and making sure people take precautions.

Auto theft goes down in summer,

Specific number of breakdown, wondering about the term of increase and what the specifics of that but are seeing increase- **Whittier Alliance will look into specifics.**

5th precinct officers would love to carry narcan, overdoses are prevalent in 5th precinct, epidemic is an accurate term. County wide OD's are way up. Police will respond to people being down so narcan would be helpful as first on the scene.

Community involvement is important .

Jen- There are free programs to teach about the treatment of narcan. Will get that information to WA. Is there anything WA can do to help to get 5th precinct narcan on patrol?

Sergeant would not say no, welcomes community support.

Osman brings up community walking groups, Sergeant feels positively about that

Shots in K-Mart parking lot between two cars, beat officers are assigned to give parking lot special attention after K-mart closes, actively trying to keep eye on that spot.

Who owns the parking lot and who does the patrolling of it and upkeep.

Community Issues Board Chair Election

Kaley Brown- Candidates should have strong desire and ability to collaborate with other board members and all stakeholders to build toward a more connected neighborhood. General responsibilities include helping staff source agenda items of meeting and attending meeting as well as monthly board meeting.

Aldona Martinka nominates Viswa Challa

Viswa Challa accepts

Jesse Oyervides nominates Laura Jean

Laura Jean denies

Nate Broadbridge nominates himself

Candidate Intros.

Viswa- Lives on Garfield Ave since September- passionate about his involvement with Whittier Alliance. Engaging the community tackling the ideas and thoughts people are having about their community. CI space can be expanded as a place where energy can be put into this meeting and tackles issues with active energy.

Nate- Has lived in whittier for 2 years since he and his wife purchased a home. Would like to bring more input into organization’s activity through CI. Working on several startup businesses himself so has interest in building things and would like to bring that the Whittier Alliance.

Q1. background and experience

Nate- UofM graduate- Statistics analysis now has been focusing on entrepreneurial pursuits including coffee roasting company. Project management and general communication are strong suits

Viswa- served on Prospect Park Board for 2 years, involved with student government

Data consultant, financial management -- Institution oversaw committee with 1.5 million in grant funding

Q2. crime. What do you bring the issue of crime as a community issues chair

Viswa- Feels it shouldn’t come from him but that it should come from the broader community and making sure to engage around the issue; more streetlights among other innovative solutions

Nate- House was broken into. Interested to explore what the WA can influence to increase safety. Opening discussion to multiple perspectives and working directly with precinct to convey those.

Q3. What does CI look like without housing issues incorporated

Nate. Safety amongst other things that are typically on the CI agendas

Viswa- Would like to grow CI participation to about 200-300; safety, visibility, zoning, permitting, infrastructure. Knows it’s ambitious but wants to tackle it.

Viswa is elected Community Issues Chair

410 West Lake Street Development	Lupe Development
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Steve Minn
Justin Mirkovich

This is Lupe Developments third visit to Whittier Community Issues Meeting and they are seeking a formal letter of approval on Phase 1 of their proposed development on Lake St and Harriet Ave S on the current Standard Heating site.

Phase 1 consists of:

- 111 units original plan had more but they have used prior feedback to amend to current number.
- Construction would begin in 2019
- 450ft2 for studio, 1000ft2 for 2 bedroom
- Rents would range from \$760-\$1200 for incomes ranging from \$32,000-\$44,000 annually
- Fitness room, community room, rooftop deck
- Market rate and affordable units will have the same layout minus the amenity of in unit laundry in the affordable units

Amendments made based on previous input

- Added retail presence, bus stop engagement and place for dockless NiceRide station
 - Lupe was resistant to this amendment as retail was not in their original building plan or financial projection, but there was want from City and neighborhood so they amended but are con

Lupe Developments portfolio includes over 1000 units in Minneapolis including both market rate and affordable and several Whittier Mill City Quarter, Broadway flats, Stonearch
25%

Project and Building details

30 year contractual commitment to affordable housing that transcends ownership.

Tire Phase 2

Mill City Quarter, Broadway flats, Stonearch

Concerns we were not activating Harriet amended to mirror buildings

Added retail presence, bus stop engagement and place for dockless

1 level of parking lot

Trash will be inside the building, 210 bike spaces in the building.

Seeking federal grants for solar funding 2 buildings have , green roof

Seeking planning approval from council in May, finishing funding cycle and hope to break ground

Street Level view- will

Brick masonry facade on ground floor, panelling

Didn't want to do retail 1000-1200ft² acknowledged community want

Will this be another childfree apartment in Whittier? Would like to see children friendly

80% of name of lease on Broadway flats are female with 40% with child

Subsidy is in construction and they work with section 8 and other programs

Christina raises some question of possible glass facade on corner to ensure safety and visibility on high stress retail corner- they will look into amending that.

Dual shoot system. One for solid waste and one for single source recycling

Permanent planters along lake and Harriet- opportunity for landscaping and walkups

Retail space is not conducive to finance commitment; anything with a lease is not helpful

Building will not be LEED certified- feels that they will meet standards but will not go through LEED to attain certification due to prohibitive costs

Green roof is more of system than a usable amenity, is there a possibility to put native plants. Not possible due to structure.

Question about who the investors are - don't have them yet. Won't meet them. Lake Street Apartments.

Partners are in for 10 years of tax credits then 5 years of leadout then they are sole owners.

Staffing- Managing company is national third party Pinnacle - 4-5 Full time permanent staff

How often will trucks pick up garbage. Truck will not block traffic and will have alley access. 3-4 pickups per week between recycling and trash

Idea to look back at past minutes to get Ricardo and Erica feedback from Lupe building tour

Seeking approval for Phase 1.

Kaley reads letter from Lyn-Lake Design and Development Team.

Main concerns

- Sustainability features- inclusion of organics
- Streetscape and public realm- custom bike rack lake street, permanent planters along Harriet add architectural cohesiveness ground level on East Lake, add commercial and residential walk-up entrances
- Commercial corridor- small bay commercial space
- Parking - City's 2040 Comp plan no longer requires parking - do not allow surface parking lot in Phase

Steve M.'s response - will accept planters as addition to design and can be voiced in Whittier letter of approval. In regard to surface parking lot, would like to avoid it if possible haven't gotten to Phase 2 yet. Custom bike racks can feature Whittier logo. All ground level facade will be congruous. Public garden in urban space is not conducive in development plan.

Seeking letter of support for grants for city and county to support the more affordable rent levels

Motion to give letter of general support with conditions that Lupe Development adopt the elements presented by the LynLake Design and Development Team with the exception of organics recycling option

Motion amended to continue to look into potential of organic waste management based on nearby models -

Lyndy Apartments

25-6-3 motion carries

Kaley B. - Whittier Alliance is now subsidizing organics drop-off The Wedge Table, though residents can choose between both Wedge locations upon sign-up.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Approved.

Adjourned 8:14pm

Minutes submitted by Marcus VanderSanden